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Statement from Sen. Kuipers on State Police budget

LANSING – The following is a statement from Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, on his vote in support of the Michigan State Police budget, which passed the Senate today:

“I have been part of the fight to keep the Grand Haven post open, even trying to amend the budget to save the post after the governor proposed closing it, but today we were not successful. I voted for the overall Michigan State Police budget, despite the closure, because I thought that a vote against the entire State Police budget would be irresponsible. If the budget wasn’t passed, there would be no money for the State Police to operate after this Saturday.

“Instead, the budget we passed maintains the number of troopers out protecting Michigan residents and saves other important programs such as school bus inspections, which the governor had proposed eliminating.”

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